“...where your treasure is, there your heart will be as well”
Matthew 6:21

“Where Your Treasure Is”
First Parish Church guides people through changes in life, celebrating with those who baptize, marry and whose loves ones pass from this life to eternal life. First Parish finds the right words when people have none. We deepen lives in the vespers light, offering a sanctuary of inspiration, prayer and peace.

First Parish Church packs boxes for Zimbabwe, with books that extend God’s love to children and materials that bring equality to women through micro-economic development. First Parish sends Heifer International animals grazing around the world. First Parish Church finances and equips youth to travel to H.O.M.E. in Orland, Maine to create healthy affordable places for people to call home. Our youth build communities, even as they create a community of faith for themselves.

Our community changes a seminarian into a minister and sends him to transform the community of Hinesburg, Vermont. Our church develops chaplains, counselors, and pastoral ministers at Lahey Health. Our Church participates in ecumenical worship, being present at various altars.

Through your generosity, First Parish does more than stabilize lives, pack shelter shelves, feed the hungry, brighten lives with Council on Aging baskets, and support orphans. With your support, we break the cycle of poverty, restore people’s financial footing, provide medicine, and guide people through their “dark valleys” to lives of hope.

First Parish Church changes lives!

By your financial support to First Parish Church, you put your “treasure” at the “heart” of God’s presence in our troubled world.

Your increasing support will help us continue to develop new and creative ways to transform lives.

In advance of your generosity,
Thank you, Reverend John G. Hughes
Christian Education Director

Priscilla Duda

Wow here we are in November the falling leaves, the first frost, turkey dinners and…..THE CHURCH FAIR!!!!! November 15th from 9:00am – 2:00pm
Be sure to stop by the fair and I challenge you to try leaving without a smile on your face, a full tummy and a special gift for someone you love – you will have a wonderful time visiting the different rooms packed with crafts, baked goods, books, white elephant items, children’s crafts etc… Be sure to tell your friends that 1 Chapel Lane and the FPC Holiday Fair has it all!!! Thank you to Martha Elder and Barbara Smith for co-chairing this year – First Parish’s real Santa’s!!

Thank you once again to Rev. Hughes who took some time on Sunday October 26th to visit our Sunday school and Youth Group – he answered questions, shared stories and had a great time meeting all of the children!

This month we will be collecting toiletries and assembling baskets for the COA. Last year we made over 26 baskets and they were loved by all of our friends at the COA. I will be sending reminders and would love to have anyone who is interested in helping out. We will assemble the baskets on November 9th and look forward to cheering up the day of so many of our elderly friends.

In Sunday school we will be visiting “The Ark and the Temple” “The Ark and the Tent”, and “The Exile and Return” in the PreK – 3rd classrooms. In the 4th and 5th grade class the children will visit “The Exile and Return” and “The Prophets”. We are always looking for an extra set of hands to help out in the SS classes so if you are interested please let me know.

I would like to thank Manchester’s fire department for the fire drill that they ran for us on November 2, it is so important to remember where to go and what to do should we ever experience a fire here at 1 Chapel Lane – this is a great time to visit with your children about fire in your home and develop a family plan so that everyone is safe.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you!
Priscilla Duda
What are you thankful for?
I am thankful for enthusiastic, caring, and generous students. Everywhere I look I see our Middle and High School Youth involved in all sorts of activities both in school and outside of school! Many are involved in scouts (including our new Eagle Scout, Tyler Duda!), sports, community service, and in youth group — all places where students are learning how to give back, care, and show support for their neighbors, community, and peers.

Join us on Sunday, Nov. 23, to express what you're thankful for in a Family Thanksgiving Worship.

Solace  Middle School Youth Group  (Grades 6 – 8)
Meets Sunday mornings from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Youth Room. This fall, students have been learning about peace, and what it means to be an advocate of peace as 21st century Christians and citizens of the world. We've made prayer flags for peace, peace cranes, learned about peacemakers from various countries and religious traditions.

Teen Café  High School Youth Group (Grades 9 – 12) Meets Sunday afternoons from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Chapel. The first few meetings of our new High School Youth Group have been going well! We've started talking about the Christmas Fair and generated some neat ideas for future projects. Most of all, we've just been having fun!

Help with the Christmas Fair! There are many, many ways that Middle and High School Youth can be helping out with the Christmas Fair. Join us on Sunday, Nov. 2 to help set up the Chapel for the Fair (immediately after church), Sunday, Nov. 9 (Teen Cafe) & Thursday, Nov. 13 (5:30 – 7 p.m.) to help set up the Children's White Elephant Room, and of course, on the day of the Fair on Saturday, Nov. 15!

Mark your calendars for Advent traditions...Like Gingerbread Cookie Decorating on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Chapel.
Would you like to be involved in Youth Group?
Email youthdirector.fpchurch@verizon.net to sign up for
the Youth Group email list
or come to any of our meetings and events.
Friends always welcome.

Lots of laughs playing Spoons after Throwback Movie
Night in October.

KIMBERLY LATIONS  11/04
DONALD HALGREN  11/05
OLIVER HATCH  11/07
ATTICUS SMITH  11/07
STEVE CARHART  11/10
ANTONIA CICALA  11/16
BETH XAVIER  11/19
CONNOR DUDA  11/21
NATHAN DUDA  11/21
MAX WARNOCK  11/21
DANA POWERS  11/22
ELIZABETH DOLAN  11/24
MICHAEL ROUINE  11/24
GRACE PORTER  11/27
CAROLYN HESLOP  11/28
ANNABEL SMITH  11/30
TEST DRIVING SENIOR CHOIR The Senior Choir is in need of sopranos and we are always looking for men. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. If interested please speak to Don Dunn, Director of Music, any senior choir member or leave a message at the church office 978-526-7661.

Your CE Committee is trying something new -- a guest lecture series focused on Christian Practice in Everyday Life.

The first of these will be “Ten Best Ways to Live: the Ten Commandments for Today's World,” conducted by Dr. Judy Haley. There will be one topic covered in two different sessions -- one in person, one virtual -- each month from now until May. In person sessions will happen one Friday each month from 6:00-7:30 pm. The virtual session will happen the following Monday from 8:45-9:30 pm.

Please join us for the first of these on **Friday, November 7th @ 6:00 pm** for the first in-person discussion. The topic covered will be how the first two ten commandments can provide a compass for managing conflicting priorities. With so many activities, causes, and opportunities clamoring for our attention, and our children’s, how do we decide which are the most important - not just for now but for the long run? Light refreshments will be provided, bring beverages of your choice to share. Babysitting to be provided if there is interest. Please let the office know in advance.

The virtual session (covering the same content but with some refinements based on the Friday session) will be on **Monday November 10th 8:45-9:30 pm**. A “How To” guide for the virtual sessions will be distributed in advance.

Please contact Nancy Peterson (nancypete1@gmail.com) or Sandy Bodmer-Turner with any questions.
The Fair is finally here!
We are looking forward to seeing everyone for a fun filled time of fellowship and contribution to our church.
We are asking the everyone in the congregation to INVITE your FRIENDS to the Fair. Pick up the phone and tell them about our wonderful Fair. Or forward the invitation email with all the information. Invite them for a delicious lunch, great deals on books, the thrill of the hunt in the White Elephant room, and of course, the opportunity to contribute to the good works of First Parish Church.


Craft items: Are you busily knitting, painting, sewing, or crafting independently at home on projects for the Fair? Great! Please keep at it, and then please bring your homemade items to the Chapel TUESDAY, Nov 11.

Wed, Nov 12, 10am-2pm. Can Covering and Craft Wrap-Up. Help cover cans for the cookie table and put the finishing touches -- bows, hangers etc -- on all the homemade crafts. Open house. Drop in when you can. A great way to get in the spirit of the Fair.

Baked Goods: Homemade breads, brownies and pies (especially pies, since the Fair is just 5 days before Thanksgiving) sell best; frosted cakes less so. Baked goods can be delivered to the Chapel on Thurs or Fri, Nov 13 or 14. Contact Mary Ellen Cook at 526-7178 or jerris01@comcast.net.

Basket Auction: We are looking for donations of items with a theme of your choice (Christmas, Baking, Gardening, Wine, Relaxation, Children’s Crafts. $25-$75 price range). We will put them together for you in a beautifully decorated basket, to be auctioned for the fair. Items due Nov. 3 to the church office or Lauren Gudonis. Contact lbgudonis@aol.com for inspiration and donations.
Coffee Cans. needed for the cookie table. Place in box outside church office.

Cookie Table: Get out those family favorite recipes...It's time to bake cookies for the Christmas Fair! Cookies should be the size of an Oreo, so they easily fit them in our decorated coffee cans. (Christmas type cookies rather than chocolate chip or usual type cookies preferred.) Thursday or Friday delivery in the kitchen (tightly sealed) would be appreciated for ease of set-up. If you need to drop off on Saturday, please come by 8 a.m. Please contact Sue Pick: suepick1@me.com or 978-526-8452 and let her know what type and how much you plan to bake this year. Thanks and happy baking!

Craft workshops: Watch the church weekly news for dates and locations of craft workshops. Crafters of all skill levels welcome.

Jewelry Table: Items needed. Contact Martha Elder 978 526 7036 for pickup or drop off at church office.

Muscles: We’re looking for a few strong and good men and women (young and not-so-young) to help with Fair cleanup on Saturday at 1:30pm. Be prepared to haul! Contact Barbara Smith at Barbara.S.Smith@gmail.com or Martha Elder at 526-7036.

New Items: Buy something that's just "not you"? Donate it to the New Items tables. Drop off items in church office, marked "new". Contact Betsy Milne with questions: 526-8348, brookboys@verizon.net

Questions? Contact Barbara Smith at Barbara.S.Smith@gmail.com or Martha Elder 978 526 7036
ORDER FORM
Christmas Fair by the Sea
First Parish Church, Manchester
Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014  9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Orders (below) must be received by Noon-Friday, Nov. 21st
in the Church Office
(978.526.7661- ext. 1)
Pick up Orders at the Chapel
(behind Santander Bank) Tuesday, December 2nd

____14” wreath with red velvet ribbon          $12.00 ea_____

____14” wreath – red ribbon, cones, berries   $15.00 ea_____

____30” wreath - red ribbon, cones, berries   $50.00 ea_____

____Kissing Ball – red ribbon, cones, berries $30.00 ea_____

Number Ordered _______Total Amount $________

Name:________________________________________________

Address______________________________________________

Phone Number__________________________________________

Please include payment and make check payable to:
First Parish Church, Congregational P.O. Box 187 Manchester, MA 01944
Annual Fund Drive 2015

First Parish Church Congregational brings us together in such amazing ways! We share our Christian values and beliefs. We celebrate God’s love and goodness together. From sharing ourselves through missions, music, celebration of faith, to supporting each other through the challenges we face, we are blessed to have our friends around.

At this time of year we are all asked to look in to our hearts and give with generosity to our Church community. This is the one time a year that you can make a difference in the upcoming year of our church. The Annual Fund Drive will set the budget for the 2015 year – all expenses of the church (maintenance of our buildings, missions, music programs, Sunday school and youth group and salaries)

Please give generously. Thank you in advance for your support!

First Parish Church Annual Fund Drive 2015

Name: ___________________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________

Email: ___________________________________________________________

Pledge for 2015   $ __________________________

Please bring to Church or mail to: First Parish Church
P.O. Box 187
Manchester, MA 01944
Worship Schedule

Sunday, November 2nd – necrology, “All Souls Day”
Scripture: 1Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-13
Sermon: “Living in the Kingdom of Heaven?”
Hymns: “For All the Saints”
“As We Gather at Your Table”

Wednesday, Nov. 5th – Vespers: “of the pasture” psalm 43

Sunday, November 9th – Rev. Donna Spencer Collins

Sunday, November 16th
Scripture: Judges 4:1-7
Matthew 25:14-30
Sermon: “Gathering Stones Together”
Hymns: God of Grace and God of Glory
This is My Song
Great is Your Faithfulness

Wednesday, Nov. 19th – Vespers: “look to God’ psalm 123

Sunday, November 23rd – Thanksgiving Sunday
Baptism: Lillian Marie Collins, daughter of Joshua + Nicole Collins
Sermon: “What I am Thankful for”
Hymns: We Gather Together
We Praise You, O God
Come, O Thankful People, Come

Sunday, November 30th – Rev. Rona Tyndall
Daily Lectionary

Sat., Nov. 1
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
Joshua 2:15-24
Matthew 23:13-28
Sun., Nov. 2
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

Mon., Nov. 3
Psalm 128
Joshua 4:1-24
1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

Tues., Nov. 4
Psalm 128
Joshua 6:1-16, 20
Acts 13:1-12

Wed., Nov. 5
Psalm 128, Joshua 10:12-14
Matthew 15:1-9

Thurs., Nov. 6
Psalm 78:1-7, Joshua 5:10-12
Revelation 8:6—9:12
Fri., Nov. 7
Psalm 78:1-7
Joshua 8:30-35
Revelation 9:13-21
Sat., Nov. 8
Psalm 78:1-7
Joshua 20:1-9
Matthew 24:1-14

Sun., Nov. 9
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
Psalm 78:1-7

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13
Mon., Nov. 10
Psalm 78
Joshua 24:25-33
1 Corinthians 14:20-25
Tues., Nov. 11
Psalm 78
Nehemiah 8:1-12
1 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Wed., Nov. 12
Psalm 78
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Matthew 24:29-35
Thurs., Nov. 13
Psalm 123
Judges 2:6-15
Revelation 16:1-7
Fri., Nov. 14
Psalm 123
Judges 2:16-23
Revelation 16:8-21
Sat., Nov. 15
Psalm 123, Judges 5:1-12
Matthew 12:43-45
Sun., Nov. 16
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 123
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30
Mon., Nov. 17
Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18
Judges 4:8-24
Romans 2:1-11
Tues., Nov. 18
Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18
Exodus 2:1-10
1 Thessalonians 5:12-18
Wed., Nov. 19
Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18
Esther 7:1-10
Matthew 24:45-51
Thurs., Nov. 20
Psalm 100
Genesis 48:15-22
Revelation 14:1-11
Fri., Nov. 21
Psalm 100, Isaiah 40:1-11
Revelation 22:1-9
Sat., Nov. 22
Psalm 100
Ezekiel 34:25-31
Matthew 12:46-50
Sun., Nov. 23
Reign of Christ
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100

Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46
Mon., Nov. 24
Psalm 28
Numbers 27:15-23
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Tues., Nov. 25
Psalm 28
Zechariah 11:4-17
Revelation 19:1-9
Wed., Nov. 26
Psalm 28
Jeremiah 31:10-14
John 5:19-40
Thurs., Nov. 27
Thanksgiving
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Zechariah 13:1-9
Revelation 14:6-13
or
Deuteronomy 8:7-18
Psalm 65
2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Luke 17:11-19
Fri., Nov. 28
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Zechariah 14:1-9
1 Thessalonians 4:1-18
Sat., Nov. 29
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Micah 2:1-13, Matthew 24:15-31
Sun., Nov. 30
First Sunday in Advent (Year B)
Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

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ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE COA BASKET PROJECT!

Sunday November 9th the SS and YG will be filling baskets for shut-ins and COA members in our community. We are reaching out to you for donations (teas, cookies, candies, toiletry, items, the usual!), items can be dropped at the Church or Chapel or call the office for pickup.